

Wm. A. Gray

Hamburg the 25th April 1841.

My dear friend

I beg Your pardon, that I have not already long before this thanked You, for Your kind letter of June 3 20th August last which was accompanied by part 3 & 4 of Your beautiful Flora and many highly interesting plants. I had the intention to send at the same time with my answer in return a parcel of plants, but could as yet not gain the needful time to arrange them, my official Station as Bibliothecary and Procurator claiming all my activity for quite other objects than those which I love to converse with and of which the annual pamphlet will serve as a proof. I must therefore defer the sending of plants to another opportunity.

I heartily rejoice to learn that You love to remember yet of Your brief visit with us. We have oft spoken of You in my house and my family as well as myself would be glad to greet You as an old friend if we should be happy enough to see You again.

I have been repeatedly desired to give a second edition of my Monograph of the genus *Potentilla*, which work would appear indeed at present in quite another form, than 20 years ago. Meanwhile I intend to undertake as soon as time will allow it a revision of the said genus, to which purpose I would thank You for specimens of

Potentilla rivalis. Flora p. 437

" *paradoxa*

Potentilla effusa & *fili-caulis*
 " " & *gasparrina*
 " *Clatensis*
 " *gracilis* & *flabelliformis*
 " *fastigiata*
 " *rigida*
 " *flabellifolia*
 " *brevifolia*
 " *Durandii*
 " *fissa*
 " *pentandra*

Whatever You can send besides the above of this genus
 will be very welcome, and if You can not part with some
 of the above named species, then be so kind to communicate
 them to me only for sight and they will be hereafter sent
 back to You such as received.

What I might have disbursed formerly was so little
 that I have not noted it and therefore remember it no
 more. If You will send to me whatever You intend
 to distribute to Your friends in our country, I shall
 with pleasure forward it, opportunity to do so is never
 wanting.

May Heaven grant You continued health and
 strength for the continuation of Your important works
 in our scientia amabilis, this is the heartfelt wish
 of my dear friend Your most sincere
 Lehmann.